

Design a Christmas card for our MP



TOUGH CHOICE: Theresa May and her husband Philip look at some of last year's entries. Ref:121551-6

MAIDENHEAD: There is still time to enter Theresa May's annual Christmas card competition.

Each year the Home Secretary and Maidenhead and Twyford MP searches for a winning design to be printed on her Christmas card.

This year the theme is 'What I want for Christmas' and entries must be in by Thursday, November 12.

The contest is open to children aged 11 and under, who live in Mrs May's Maidenhead and Twyford constituency.

Entries should be marked 'Theresa

May's Christmas Card Competition' and sent to Maidenhead Advertiser, 48 Bell Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1HX.

The suggested size is A5.

Designs need to be bold and bright, preferably using paint, felt tips or crayons as coloured pencils do not reproduce well when printed.

Two-dimensional designs are preferred as glitter and cotton wool do not work when printed.

This year's prize is a birthday party, tea and activity at Longridge Activity Centre in Quarry Wood Road, Bisham.

Lanterns to light up streets again

Town centre: Forest friends is theme of this year's parade

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SPEED READ: THIS year's Community Lantern Parade has the theme 'Our Forest Friends'. The event, curated by Norden Farm with support from community arts charity Same Sky, will be held on December 12.

'OUR Forest Friends' is the theme of this year's Community Lantern Parade, which will light up Maidenhead town centre on Saturday, December 12.

The free event, which returns for its seventh year, will feature lanterns which are handmade by school pupils and members of the public.

It is curated by Robyn Bunyan, the education officer at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, and the theme coincides with the centre's Christmas show One Snowy Night.

Robyn said: "The lantern parade is my favourite event of the

year – and there are a lot to choose from!

"Being able to work with and talk to so many different people throughout the project is brilliant, and when it all comes together on the night it is really breathtaking."

"I am looking forward to making this parade our biggest yet."

Last year around 2,000 people were involved in the project and nearly 1,000 took part in the parade.

Workshops will be running over the next few weeks for members of the public, for community

groups and for schools.

Costing £3 per person and suitable for all ages, the workshops will be held at Norden Farm, in Altwood Road, in two-hour slots. They sold out last year so pre-booking is recommended.

There will also be drop-in sessions at the Nicholson's Centre where participants can create a willow lantern.

On the day of the parade there will be live music and entertainment from the Bollywood Brass Band from 4.30pm.

The lantern parade will leave Maidenhead Town Hall at 5pm, and the

entertainment will continue until 6.15pm.

The Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, Cllr Eileen Quick, and Royal Borough town crier Chris Brown, are both due to attend.

Norden Farm will once again be working with community arts charity Same Sky whose award-winning work includes night-time parades, puppets, floats and fire shows.

John Varah, artistic director, said: "Same Sky are excited to be involved once again."

"It's amazing to see a town stop and light up for this yearly feast of beautiful beasts and amazing animals."

Visit norden.farm/pages/the-lantern-parade for details.

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ON PARADE: Lanterns at last year's event. Ref:121730-52

Nursery tots treated to a terror-ific party

MAIDENHEAD: A spooky Halloween party was held for staff, parents and children at the Mulberry Day Nursery on Friday in support of children's charities.

A range of fancy dress outfits were worn, and there were carved pumpkins and hand-made biscuits.

Emma Matthews, manager of the nursery in Boyn Hill Avenue, said: "Staff and children love a party in nursery and sharing the fun with parents, who are so supportive of all our activities, makes it even more special."

"Events like this offer endless learning and creative opportunities without taking into account the fun and excitement."

Money raised from the raffle at the party will go to the Sue Andrews Foundation, which raises money for children's charities.

■ SPOOKY PARTY: Nursery practitioner Becca Fitzsimons with two-years-olds Matthew Campbell and Theo Edmonstone-West. Ref:124060-5

